

# Sustainable Santa Monica Self-Guided Bicycle Tour

This tour starts at the intersection of Main St. and Pico. For a bit of caffeine or refreshments to start, make a quick jog up to **1) Flying Saucers Caffeine and Art\*** (306 Pico Blvd). Grab a cup of coffee at his locally-owned, independent art gallery/purveyor of organic coffee and teas.

Start the tour by biking down Main St, which is Santa Monica's "Green Light District," leading the way in certified green businesses. A great pit stop is the **2) Green Building Resource Center/ Global Green Headquarters** (2218 Main St), where you can pick up info about every aspect of green building, including displays of environmentally friendly building materials and advice for specific building projects. If it's a Sunday morning, be sure to visit the **Santa Monica Farmer's Market\*** (2640 Main). Some other great green businesses in the district include: **Santa Monica Visitor Info Center\*** (1920 Main St), **Natural High Lifestyle\*** (2400 Main), **Euphoria Loves Rawvolution\*** (2301 Main), **The Green Life\*** (2409 Main), **ZJ Boarding House\*** (2619 Main), **Library Alehouse\*** (2911 Main) and **Patagonia\*** (2936 Main).

When you reach the intersection of Main and Ocean Park Blvd., head east onto Ocean Park, then left onto Beverly at the top of the hill. Beverly dead ends at the entrance to **3) Joslyn Park** (633 Kensington Rd.), where you can chill for a bit under one of the new incense cedars and watch the dogs play in the Herb Katz Dog Park.

Bike up Kensington Rd., turn left at Lincoln Blvd. and walk your bike half a block north where you can cross at the Lincoln Blvd/Pearl St intersection and ride on Pearl St. until you stop at **4) garden/garden** (1717 + 1724 Pearl). It's time to visit some sustainable demonstration gardens! These adjacent

front yards show the difference in water use, maintenance time and overall costs between a traditional garden and a native, California-friendly garden, featuring only drought-tolerant California plants, which provide habitat and food for beneficial native birds and insects.

Continue on Pearl to 23rd St, turn right and ride down the hill to Airport Ave. Turn left and ride up Airport to the city's newest **5) Demonstration Gardens** (3200 Airport Ave). These three sustainable garden designs were chosen by residents for installation at the Airport. Like what you see? Download complete plans and a local shopping list for supplies at [www.sustainableism.org](http://www.sustainableism.org) under Landscape and recreate one in your own yard.

Time for a lunch break? Ride back down Airport Ave, make a right onto 23<sup>rd</sup> St. (it's time to go up the hill this time!) and left onto Pearl St. Take Pearl St. to 11th St. and turn right. When you reach Arizona Ave., turn left. At 6<sup>th</sup> St. make a left and walk your bike to **Real Food Daily\*** (514 Santa Monica Blvd), your premier destination for organic, vegan cuisine.

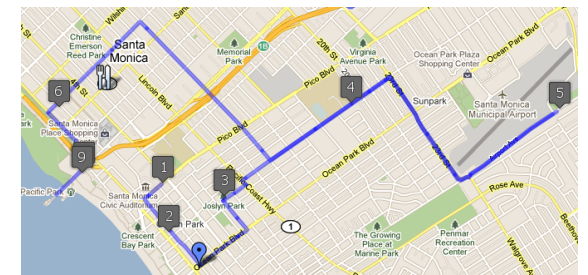
Walk back to Arizona Ave. and continue riding to Ocean Ave. On the way, you can check out the **6) National Resources Defense Council** (1314 2nd St), which is the nation's first LEED Platinum Plus rated building. If it's open, be sure to check out the public exhibition center and bookstore. Turn left at Ocean Ave, then turn right at Colorado Blvd.

Finish off your day at the **7) Santa Monica Pier**, where you can ride the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel at Pacific Park. It's 85 ft high, contains over 6,000 multi-colored bulbs, and can produce 16 special effect light shows. The **8) Santa Monica Pier Aquarium** (1600 Ocean Front Walk), operated by

Heal the Bay, is home to more than 100 species of marine animals and plants – all found in the Santa Monica Bay. Across from the Aquarium and up the hill you can see the **9) Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility (SMMURF)**, a state-of-the-art, first of its kind water recycling plant that reuses for beneficial purposes the dry and wet weather urban runoff in the Pico-Kenter and Pier storm drain systems.

Back on the deck, step into **Soda Jerks** (200 Santa Monica Pier), a 1930's throwback ice cream parlor serving up all manner of delicious ice cream treats and drinks including phosphates, egg creams, and rickeys. It's the perfect ending to your Sustainable Santa Monica Bike Tour.

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